



Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs) and Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP)

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RAB Required at BRAC Installations

- Where property is to be transferred to the community
- Where property is not going to be transferred to the community
 - ▶ sufficient, sustained community interest



RAB Activities

- Forum for community, installation, and regulators to discuss and exchange information about DoD's environmental restoration program.
- Review and comment on plans and reports
 - ▶ Provide advice on cleanup
 - scope/schedule of studies and cleanup
 - site and workplan priorities
 - remedial technologies





RAB and LRA Roles

RAB

- Provide input to BCT on remedy selection and priorities
- Inform LRA of issues and input given to BCT

LRA

- Develop local redevelopment plan
- Inform community, RAB, and BCT
- Maintain awareness of environmental issues



RAB Operations

- Select the community co-chair
- Establish a mission statement
- Develop operating procedures
- Create purposeful agendas
- Conduct other administrative tasks



RAB Involvement Throughout Site/Installation Closeout

- Community outreach will continue to be a critical and pivotal part of environmental cleanup activities through site closeout
 - ▶ Selected remedies are protective of human health and the environment
 - ▶ Remedial actions are in place and operating properly and successfully
 - ▶ Contaminants are not migrating off site/base
 - ▶ Remedies continue to be effective
 - ▶ Agency departure does not translate into abandonment of environmental responsibility
 - ▶ If DoD caused it, DoD will correct it!



Interim RAB Adjournment Policy

An installation may adjourn its RAB in consultation with the community if one of the following is true:

- ▶ restoration is complete
- ▶ all remedies are in place and operating
- ▶ there is no longer sufficient, sustained community interest



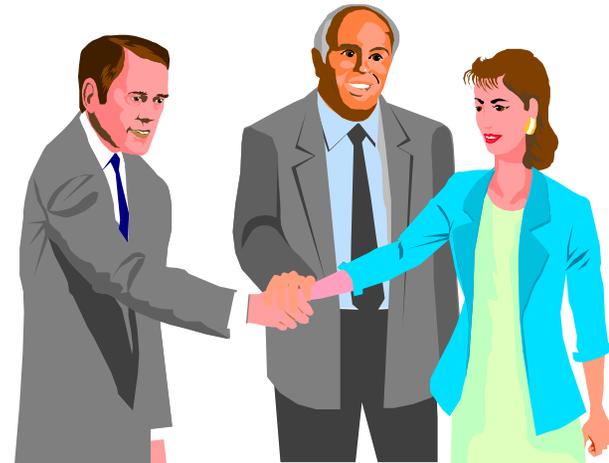
Lessons Learned

- Member selection is critical
- Orientation training benefits all
- Reach early agreement on the RAB's purpose and scope
- Focus on restoration
- Establish a positive relationship with LRA



What is the TAPP Program?

- A mechanism to assist community members of RABs and TRCs to obtain technical assistance in interpreting scientific information and engineering issues with regard to the nature of environmental hazards at the installation.





TAPP: Requirements for Eligibility

- Community members demonstrate the need for assistance and there is no source at DoD, EPA, State, or local government;
- The technical assistance is likely to contribute to environmental restoration activities at the installation and community acceptance of such activities; or
- Community participation in EPA's TAG or TOSC program does not preclude TAPP.



TAPP: Component Responsibilities

- Train installation personnel
- Inform RABs/TRCs of TAPP
- Assist RABs/TRCs in determining needs and in application process
- Program funds as appropriate



TAPP: Local Purchase Order Approach

DoD may obtain technical assistance to interpret scientific and engineering information for RAB/TRC community members.

- ▶ Total Limit: \$100,000
- ▶ Yearly Limit: \$25,000 or 1% of installation's total restoration cost to complete, whichever is less
- ▶ Funding Source: DERA (active) and BRAC (closing)

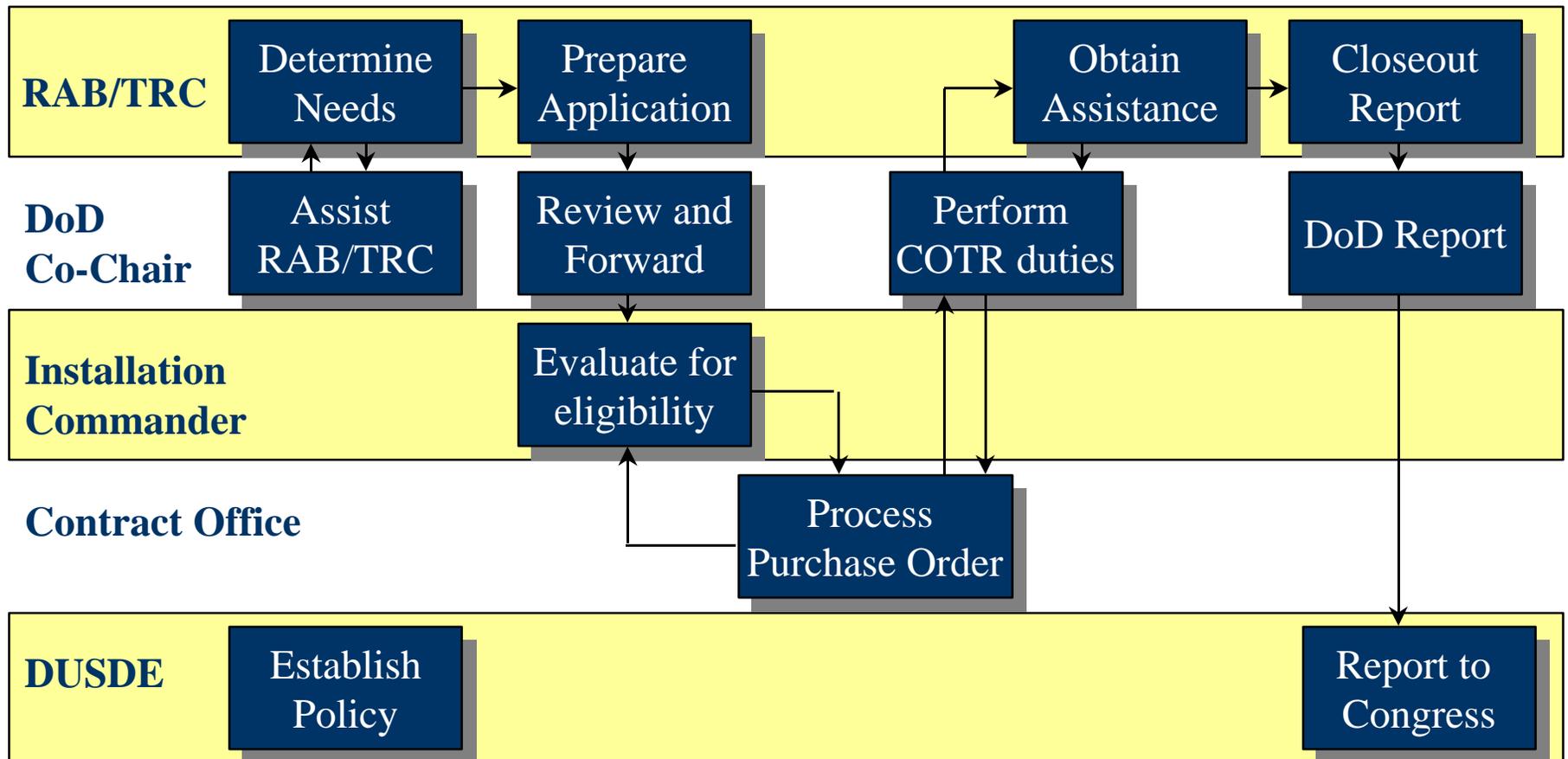


Overview of TAPP Procedure

1. RAB/TRC community members identify need for assistance
2. Complete and submit TAPP application
3. Commander of installation approves or disapproves
4. Installation contracting office procures contract with assistance provider
5. Closeout report is produced



The TAPP Process





TAPP: Implementation Schedule

- Final TAPP rule published: *February 2, 1998*
- Implementing guidance issued as part of the Management Guidance: *March 17, 1998*
- Train-the-trainers conducted: *Fall 1997*
- Installation training being conducted: *1998*
- Implementation beginning in *FY 1998*



Reporting Requirements

RAB

- Establishment date
- Membership
- Activities
- Advice
- Funding

TAPP

- Funding
- Evaluation of whether TAPP was helpful



Other RAB/TAPP Information

- DUSD(ES) Cleanup Office home page:
 - ▶ <http://www.dtic.mil/envirodod/>

- Points of Contact:
 - ▶ DoD - Marcia Read (703)697-9793
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Conclusion

- DoD policy requires that RABs be formed at closing bases
- RABs provide advice on cleanup and work with LRA
- TAPP is a new mechanism for RAB technical assistance